

B. INCOME AND RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Effective February 2, 2002

WAC 388-466-0140 Income and resources for refugee assistance eligibility.

(1) **How does DSHS count my income and resources when determining my eligibility for Refugee Cash Assistance?**

We determine your eligibility for RCA using the TANF rules about income and resources in Chapters 388-450 and 388-470 WAC, except we do not count a one time resettlement cash payment provided to you by your voluntary agency (VOLAG).

(2) **How does DSHS count my income and resources when determining my eligibility for Refugee Medical Assistance?**

We determine your eligibility for RMA using the TANF rules about income and Resources in Chapters 388-450 and 388-470 WAC, except as it stated below:

- (a) Your monthly income can be up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL);
- (b) A one time resettlement cash payment provided to you by your VOLAG is not counted in determining your eligibility for RMA;
- (c) Your RMA eligibility is determined on the basis of your income and resources on the date of your application (WAC 388-466-0130 (5)).

CLARIFYING INFORMATION

One time cash assistance provided to a client by VOLAG may not be considered as earned or unearned income because it covers the initial cost of resettlement, not ongoing expenses.

WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

Establish one assistance unit for:

1. All adult refugees legally responsible for each other.

2. An unmarried person without dependents.
3. A child who is a member of his or her parent's TANF/SFA assistance unit and who reaches the age of 18 before the end of eight months after arrival to the US. Establish a separate assistance unit for the child effective the first of the month following the month of the child's 18th birthday.